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Reunion Speaker is Named

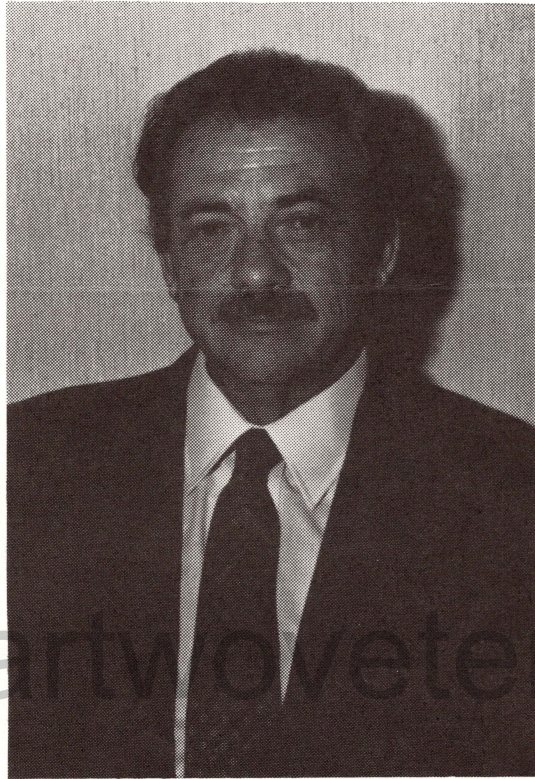
Abe Lemons, a World War II Merchant Marine veteran who became one of the leading basketball coaches in the nation, will be banquet speaker at the annual reunion of the 45th Infantry Division Association August 24-26 at the Hilton Inn West hotel in Oklahoma City. The hotel is at the intersection of Interstate 40 and Meridian directly south of the Airport. It is near the intersection of I-35 and I-40 and nestled in a cluster of motels, restaurants and entertainment spots.

Lemons is a former president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches and is one of the most sought after speakers in college athletics. He has been named National Coach of the Year by his peers in the association. He now coaches at Oklahoma City University, where he coached a team to seven NCAA tournaments and two National Invitational Tournaments, and produced seven All-Americans.

Although formal events will not begin until Friday, the hospitality room will be open throughout the afternoon Thursday for visiting and refreshments, and registration will be underway.

Registration will continue Friday morning. At the same time buses will be taking visitors to the 45th Infantry Division Museum, a shopping center, and other locations.

Organizational CP's will be open for visitors beginning at 1 p.m.



Abe Lemons

A reception will be held on the large poolside patio at 6 p.m. Friday, followed by dinner at 7, with dancing and bingo concluding the evening.

Saturday's program begins with memorial services at 9 a.m., followed by the annual business meeting of the association.

Command Posts will be open for visitors beginning at noon, with tours

to places of interest in Oklahoma City following.

The annual banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, followed by entertainment, the speaker, and a dance.

The hospitality room will be open for late departures from 9 a.m. until noon, Sunday.

A mailing on the reunion has been mailed to all Thunderbirds, including a motel reservation card. Reservation cards were due at the Hilton August 1 to guarantee reservations. However, the I-40-Meridian corner has more than 25 motels in the immediate area, and is the largest cluster of motels and restaurants in the city. Thus, lodging will not be a problem.

Registration in advance for a member and one guest is \$80, but is \$85 at the door. Other advance registration costs (slightly higher at the door) are:

Friday and Saturday — Member only' \$42; Additional cost for a second guest: \$38.

Friday only — Member and guest: \$45; Additional guest: \$15; Member only: \$30.

Saturday only — Member and guest \$50; Additional guest: \$20; Member only: \$30.

If traveling by air and desiring transportation, indicate your airline, flight number and arrival date and time with your registration, and Thunderbirds will pick you up at the airport.

Library Will Be Dedicated To Colonel Preston Murphy

The library of the 45th Infantry Division Museum will be dedicated to the memory of Colonel Preston J. C. Murphy, World War II and Korea Thunderbird, one of the best loved officers in the history of the division, at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 25, during the Reunion.

COL. John Embry will emcee the program which will include remarks

by Major General Robert M. Morgan, an eulogy by Colonel Howard A. Meyer of Sonoma, California, and unveiling by Mrs. Murphy, of Austin, Texas.

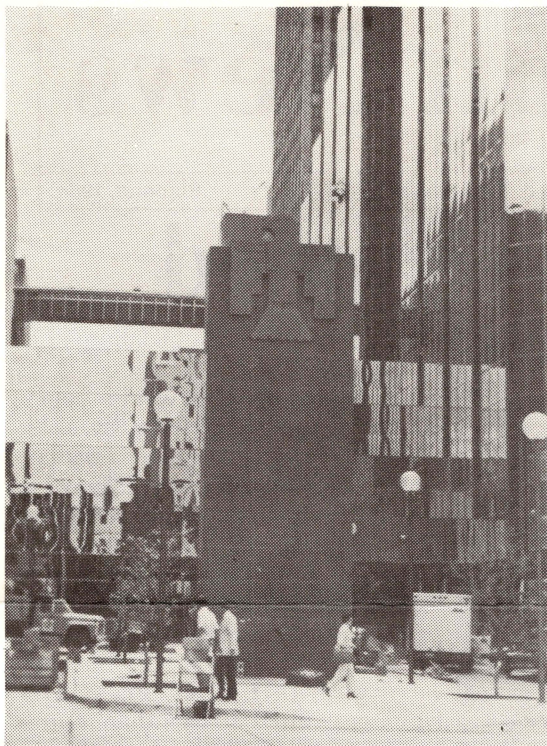
Colonel Murphy was the only person to command a regiment of the 45th both in World War II and Korea. He also served as division Chief of Staff.

Thunderbird is Mayor Of McAlester, Oklahoma

Colonel Bill Rayborn, a former regimental commander of the 45th Infantry Division, and a longtime Thunderbird prior to his retirement, has been elected mayor of McAlester, Oklahoma.

Company Holds Reunion

Co. D, 179th Infantry, held its reunion August 10 and 11 at Howard Johnson's Motel in Norman.



This large granite monument, honoring persons who have served in the 45th Infantry Division, is back in place downtown in front of Leadership Square, Oklahoma City's newest office and retail center.

45th Infantry Division Monument Returns to Downtown Location

The 45th Infantry Division memorial monument in downtown Oklahoma City has been replaced near its original location, after an absence of more than two years.

The monument is a large, red granite structure, with a Thunderbird at the top, and with a mosaic map of the travels of the 45th at its base. It is located immediately in front of the west entrance to the new Leadership Square, newest, largest and most modern of the retail-office centers downtown.

The monument, which was located within the area which would be enclosed by the new center, had to be removed during the construction phase. However, the new center adds an attractive backdrop to the monument, and places it immediately adjacent to the pathway followed by people entering this popular shop-

ping and office center.

The developers of Leadership Square, in accordance with their agreement when they removed the monument, cleaned, replaced particles and upgraded the monument and mosaic map. The new mosaic map includes all stops made by the 45th.

The monument is highly visible at night with spotlights placed upon principal points of the monument.

The Thunderbird at the top of the monument is being repainted.

Four trees are being planted in planters near the base of the monument.

All will be completed in time for the reunion in August.

The monument was constructed in the late 1950s through a fundraising campaign led by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Oklahoma City.

“Salerno: A Military Fiasco” Is Title of New Military History

Salerno: A Military Fiasco is the title of a new book by British Military historian Eric Morris, who gained much of his first-hand material through tape recorded interviews made with Salerno veterans at the 45th Infantry Division Association

reunion two years ago.

A copy of the book is in the 45th Infantry Division Museum Library, donated by Roy Stewart.

The 180th Infantry Regimental Association held a reunion in McAlester, Oklahoma May 4 and 5.

Efforts Are Underway For New 45th Division

Efforts have been underway for several months to restore the Oklahoma Army National Guard into a light infantry division, to be called the 45th Infantry Division.

It is expected that a total of up to six of the National Guard organizations will eventually get divisions. The first such divisional status went to the Virginia-Maryland Guard.

A full report on our effort and its status will be given at the business meeting of the annual reunion of the 45th Infantry Division Association August 25.

Citizen Soldier Slide Show is Redeveloped

The audiovisual production, “Story of the Citizen Soldier,” has been redeveloped and is now being shown again in the theater. The 29 minute Production was written and produced by Pendleton Woods and narrated by Gene Dillehay.

It tells the story of the citizen soldier from Indian Territory days through the present time, including active duty service in the Spanish-American War, on the Mexican border, World War I, World War II and Korea.

Anzio Veterans Hold Fifth Annual Reunion

Anzio Beachhead Veterans of World War II recently held their fifth annual reunion in Orlando, Florida. Persons interested in learning about this association may write Joe Lombard, 1246 Old Mill Rd., Orlando, FL 32806.

Artillery Battalion Is Nuclear Qualified

The Oklahoma Army National Guard's First Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, recently completed its level one ARTEP (Army Training and Evaluation Progress) along with a nuclear evaluation test, thus becoming the first organization in the Oklahoma Guard to become nuclear qualified.

Dachau Memories and Pictures are Sought

Linda Goldberg, 96 Louisa St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11218, is writing an autobiography dating back to her childhood, and is looking for descriptions and photos of the Dachau death camp.

National Guard History Is Published and Now on Sale

Citizen Soldiers: Oklahoma's National Guard is the name of a brand new book published by the University of Oklahoma Press for the Oklahoma Heritage Association.

Author is Dr. Kenny A. Franks, director of education and publications for the Association.

For this book, Franks has made extensive use of the wealth of documents, photographs, maps, and private collections housed in the Forty-fifth, both active and retired, and the book is enlivened by personal accounts of civil and military duty. The illustrations include many contemporary photographs never published before and several of Bill Mauldin's incomparable cartoon sketches of the Forty-fifth in action.

No account of the Oklahoma Guard would be complete without the history of the Oklahoma Air National Guard. The author has traced its heritage from before World War II to the present. He also examines the role played by the Oklahoma National Guard in the Army's "total force" concept, the organization for military defense of the nation today. Franks has included peacetime action as well, for the guardsmen have served their neighbors on many occasions in times of natural disaster or civil disturbance.

The book is available from OU Press for \$24.95, plus \$1.50 mailing for the first and 50 cents for additional copies. Order from PO Box 1657, Hagerstown, Md. 21741.

Former 45th Chief Hal Muldrow Dies

Major General Hal Muldrow, who commanded an artillery battalion in World War II, led the 45th Division Artillery in the Korean War, and assumed command of the division following Korea, died last fall following long illness. General Muldrow was outstanding in many ways. He was a leading businessman in Norman. He served in the Oklahoma State Senate. He served on numerous civic boards and committees. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. His name is one of the most important in the history of the 45th Infantry Division.

GEORGE A. HUTCHINSON

Colonel George A. Hutchinson, who commanded the 189th Field Artillery Regiment when the 45th was activated into World War II, and who later commanded the 202nd Field Artillery Group, died March 21 in Enid, Oklahoma, where he was living. Earlier he had served as a platoon commander in World War I, with combat in France. Colonel Hutchinson earned his law degree from Cumberland University. He served in both the Oklahoma House of Representatives and State Senate.

ADRIAN L. JOHNSON

A World War II veteran of the 45th Infantry Division, died last year at his home in Columbia, Tenn.

DWIGHT E. JOHNSON

Dwight E. Johnson, Co. 1, 157th Infantry, who lived in Burlington, CO, died recently.

MARVIN T. KELTNER

Marvin T. Keltner, who was a member of Co. L, 180th Infantry, died of cancer late in 1982.



Thunderbird Deaths

KENNETH L. BARTON

Kenneth L. Barton, former member of Btry A, 1 Bn., 189th FA, in WWII was killed by a hit and run driver in Sunset, SC in 1979.

KENNETH W. BELL

Kenneth W. Bell, Hq. 157th Infantry, who lived in Miami, Florida died recently.

EDWARD A. BLIZZARD

Edward A. Blizzard, Firebrick, KY, a former member of Co. C., 157th Infantry, died earlier this year.

WILBERT CRUSE

A former member of the 158th Field Artillery — Wilbert Cruse — died at Ft. Branch, IN, where he had been living.

JOHN W. DAVIS

John W. Davis, formerly of Co. C, 180th Infantry, in World War II, died in 1980, but his death was only recently reported. He was with Gulf Oil Company 40 years, and formed Davis Services, Inc., with his sons, following retirement.

LEROY J. DICKINSON

Leroy J. Dickinson, Ankeny, Iowa, died August 13 at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, suffering from heart disease.

LUTHER GALLIORD

The death has been reported of Luther Galliord, Btry B, 160th FA, in World War II. He was living in Ripley, Miss.

PETER C. GRAFFAGNINO

The death has been reported of Peter C. Graffagnino, Hamilton, GA, a member of Medical Detachment, 157th Infantry.

RAYMOND H. HASS

Raymond H. Hass, Company F, 157th Infantry, died at his home in Temple, PA.

ASA W. HUMPHRY

A member of Co. C, 157th Infantry — Asa W. Humphry — died at his home in Grand Junction, Colorado.

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Places to Visit in Oklahoma City

45th Infantry Division Museum

Recognized as the finest state military museum in the nation. It tells a story beginning with Indian Territory militia to the present day, with its principal emphasis being upon the 45th Infantry Division. It includes the original Bill Mauldin "Up Front" cartoons, as well as one of the finest military weapons collections in the world. More than 40 different large items of military equipment will be found on display in the military park surrounding the museum. (Take Eastern north from I-40 to NE 36 Street, and turn east one-fourth mile. Museum is rock structure on north side of NE 36 Street.)

Enterprise Square, USA

The only major museum in the nation interpreting the American free enterprise system. Often described as "America's most entertaining educational attraction," it uses space ship landings, TV role playing by visitors, animated machines, and the largest audiovisual show in the world to interpret the meaning and importance of economic freedom. Most exciting is the time tunnel into the past, where you can play occupational games under conditions of historical times. Discount tickets will be at the registration desk. (Take Eastern nine miles north from I-40 to Memorial Rd. and turn east one-half mile).

Cowboy Hall of Fame

Features Western paintings and sculpture, including Remington, Russell and other classic Western Artists. Includes James Fraser's original plaster sculpture of "End of the Trail", plus numerous

Kirkpatrick Center

Fraser models. West of Yesterday section on lower level recreates lifestyles of the Old West. (Take Eastern north of I-40 to NE 63 St, and turn west one-fourth-mile).

This building includes: **The Omniplex** — a science museum featuring hands-on experiences with the physical sciences; **Oklahoma Air and Space Museum** — Features old-time aviators and aviation of Oklahoma, including such notables as Wiley Post, as well as five Oklahoma astronauts who flew in space; **Photography Hall of Fame** — showing a collection of the greatest photographs in the world, including a 360 degree mural of the Grand Canyon as photographed from the center of the crevice; plus an **Indian museum**, a small **Navy museum**, and several **art galleries**. (Take Eastern north from I-40 to NW 52 Street. The Kirkpatrick Center is the large two-story tilt-up masonry building on the east side of Eastern).

Firefighters Museum

Features vintage firefighting equipment. (Take Grand Blvd. north of the Kirkpatrick Center east through Lincoln Park and look for (identifying sign.)

Softball Hall of Fame

This is headquarters for the International Softball Federation. It includes a softball museum honoring the world's greats in this popular game. (It is located immediately north, across the street, from the Firefighter's Museum).

Oklahoma City Zoo

One of the ten top zoos in the nation, nestled around a lake in a natural wooded setting. (It is immediately east of the Kirkpatrick Center, described above).

The 189th FA held its fifth reunion May 25-26 at the Holiday Inn Northwest, at NW 39 and Portland in Oklahoma City. The reunion included the 202nd FA Bn and the 645th TD Bn.

Matthew P. Marino, formerly of Co. L, 179th Infantry, is seeking the whereabouts of Sgt. Charles Coco, whom he served with overseas. Matt lives at 142½ Bay St., Glens Falls, NY 12801.

William B. Dunn, who served in Hq. and Hq. Co, 45th Division, from March to December of 1952, wants to hear from any who served with him. He lives at 1240 N Stone, Tucson, AZ 85705.

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